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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
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Masuhiro NATSUHARA, et al. :  
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Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:  
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Filed: June 29, 1999 : Examiner:  
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For: CERAMICS BASE PLATE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 4, lines 1 through 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3", and replace it with  
--claim 1--.

Claim 5, lines 1 through 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 4", and replace it with  
--claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1 through 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 5", and replace it with  
--claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1 through 2, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 7", and replace it with  
--claim 1--.